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SUBJECT: BELGIUM RENEWS AID TO RWANDA

1. THE CURRENT VISIT TO BELGIUM OF RWANDAN FOREIGN
MINISTER ANASTASE GASANA HAS LED TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF
BELGIAN AID TO RWANDA. BELGIUM, TRADITIONALLY A LARGE
CONTRIBUTOR OF AID TO RWANDA, SUSPENDED COOPERATION AFTER
THE KIBEHO MASSACRE OF APRIL 22, 1995.

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2. BELGIUM'S DECISION TO RENEW ITS AID TO RWANDA FOLLOWS

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THAT OF MANY OF RWANDA'S OTHER PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, AND THE EUROPEAN UNION. ACCORDING TO THE BELGIAN PRESS, THIS RENEWED COOPERATION WILL RETURN BELGIUM TO ITS FORMER POSITION AS THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE CONTRIBUTOR OF AID TO RWANDA,

3. THE PROPOSED BELGIAN PACKAGE, 800 MILLION BF FOR 1995, WILL BE APPLIED TO FOUR MAIN AREAS: FACILITATING THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, AGRICULTURAL AID, REVIVING HEALTH CENTERS AND HOSPITALS, AND STRENGTHENING THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. IN HIS AUGUST 2 MEETING WITH GASANA, BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DERYCKE EMPHASIZED THE GOR'S NEGOTIATING ON THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES AS A CONDITION FOR THIS AID. BELGIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEVELOPMENT MOREELS ASKED THAT THE GOR BEGIN RELEASING WOMEN AND CHILDREN HELD IN RWANDA'S PRISONS.

4. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A BELGIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OFFICIAL THAT THE FIGURE OF 800 MILLION BF WAS WHAT HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR RWANDA FOR 1995. IT IS UNLIKELY AT THIS POINT THAT THE ENTIRE 800 MILLION WILL BE DISBURSED THIS YEAR. END FYI.

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